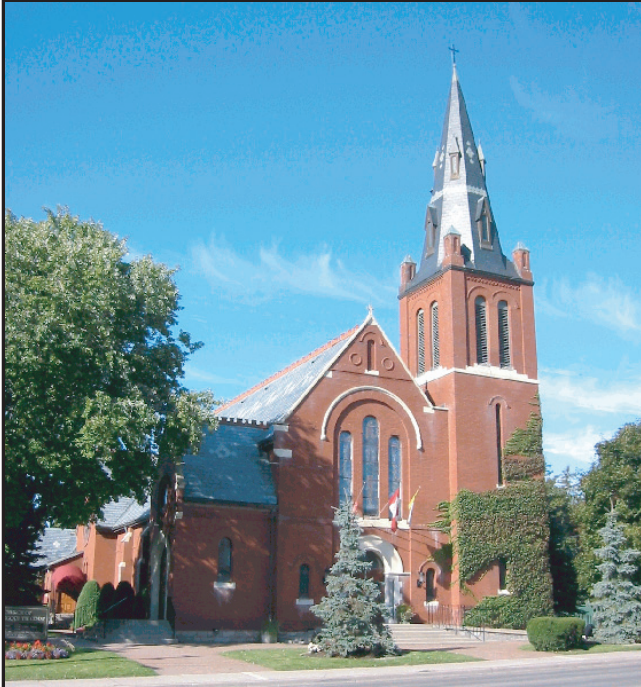


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## Pastor

Fr. Marijan Sisko

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David MacInnis

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## Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon &  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Weekend Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday 12:10 p.m., Friday 7:00 p.m.

## Confession

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

## Baptism

Please approach the Priest after you have participated at Sunday Mass.

## Marriage

One year notice (Archdiocesan guideline)  
Marriage Preparation required  
Please contact the parish priest

## Visits To The Sick

Please contact the parish office for more information.

## Natural Family Planning:

Helping married couples live out the teachings of the Catholic Church  
[bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI](http://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI)

## Catholic Cemeteries

St. Gregory's & Resurrection  
905-668-8912

or [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Durham Catholic District School Board

905-576-6150

or [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca)

## Society of St. Vincent De Paul- Help Line

905-720-0003

## Letters of Reference for Catholic Teacher Applicants

If you are a teacher, from this Parish and require a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly for at least 6 months and if possible participating in a Parish ministry before such a recommendation will be given.

(<http://bit.ly/PracticingCath>). Teachers who are finishing teachers' college will need a pastoral letter from their own parish priest where they attend Sunday Mass.

<b>Mass Schedule &amp; Mass Intentions</b>	
SUN.	December 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Mass at St. Gregory's</b> 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am + Sabino Papparella, req. his Wife Antonia
SUN.	12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross
MON.	7:00 pm exceptional Mass at St Gregory <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
TUES.	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 12:10 pm Mass at St. Gregory's – <b>Adoration after Mass</b> + Alberto Iezzi, req. his Wife ~ Intentions of Paul & Robin, req. Their Family
WED.	December 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
THUR.	December 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 8:30 am Mass at Holy Cross Parish
FRI.	December 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Lucy</b> 6:00 pm-6:45 pm <b>Confessions and Adoration</b> Deceased members of the Desousa Family req. Manuel & Gloria Desousa + Giuseppe Guarini, req. his Wife Angela
SAT.	December 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>-St. John of the Cross</b> 3:30 pm- 4:15 pm - Holy Cross Confessions 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross
SUN.	December 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 am For the People 9:30 am + Germaine MackInnon, req. Her Family 12:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.



### **Journey through Advent**

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent." It will be released weekly and will be available at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### **Advent Confessions**

In preparation for Christmas, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, two priests will here to hear confessions at the churches:

Thurs. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – **Holy Cross** 3:00pm-7:00pm  
Fri. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – **St. Gregory's** 10:30am-12:30pm  
Fri. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – **St. Gregory's** 3:00pm-6:45 pm  
Thur. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – **Holy Cross** 9:00am-11:00am

The Holy Catholic Church wants us to have confession minimally once a year. Thus, in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* number 2042, we read, "The second precept [of the Church] ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of **conversion and forgiveness**". Refusing to have confession at least once a year, we prevent ourselves from reception of the Eucharist.

### **Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule**

#### **Christmas Eve Vigil:**

**December 24 - 4:30pm** -Holy Cross

#### **Christmas Day: December 25**

**8:00am** – St. Gregory the Great

**9:30am** – St. Gregory the Great

**12noon** – Holy Cross

#### **New Year's Eve: December 31**

**4:30 pm** – Holy Cross

#### **New Year's Day: January 1, 2024**

**8:00am** – St. Gregory the Great

**9:30am** – St. Gregory the Great

**12:00 noon** – Holy Cross



### **Office Hours Over The Holidays**

The Parish Office will be closed from December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. If there is an emergency that you need a priest right away, please call the office and leave a message as messages will be checked daily. [stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgregorythegreat@archtoronto.org)



The Sanctuary lamp burns for the month of December in memory of

**Joe Pezzarello** requested by The Pezzarello Family

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### Information for 2025

Mass Intentions - We are now booking Mass Intentions and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2025. Please call or come to the Office during Office hours. Please note: only one Sunday Mass will be available as the other Mass will be for the Parish.

Envelopes 2025 - Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and are in alphabetical order. If your box is not there or you are new to the parish and would like a box, please call the office.

Mass Books - 2025 Missals are now available and have been graciously donated by **St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus**, however if you would like to still make a donation, please place it in the box provided.

Calendars 2025 calendars will be available soon for a minimum donation of \$2.00 each.

### Sacramental Preparation

#### First Holy Communion:

*You can still register at the parish office.* Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration.

The next class will be **JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** at 10:45 in St. Gregory's Parish Hall.

**Confirmation:** You can still *register at the parish office.* Parents you must bring: a copy of your Child's Birth Certificate and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to the Registration. The next class will be **JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** at 10:45 am at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA:

Would you like to become a Catholic, or are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed? Join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm in *St. Gregory's Hall*.

**ShareLife** When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like **Mary Centre**. Here's how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency: "Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some **needed respite.**" You can donate with a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

### **The Youth Corner**



St Gregory the Great and Holy



Cross have started a group for our youth in grades 6-8. Our **Christmas Social** will be held on **Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Hall**. EDGE usually runs every other Wednesday. Download [registration form](#): <https://linktr.ee/vmstghe> or scan QR code. For more information or to register, please contact our youth minister Kim Carson at: [vmstghe@archtoronto.org](mailto:vmstghe@archtoronto.org)

### **Young Adults 18-39 St. Gregory's Socials and Faith Formation**

**Next Social: January 18, 2025, at 6:30pm**

**Faith Formation:** Wisdom, a nine-part faith formation program, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. *The next study will be Saturday February 15, 2025 at 6:30pm*

**Where:** St. Gregory's Hall, 190 Simcoe St. North. *Connect and Register at:* [stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya  
<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



### **Jubilee of Youth 2025**

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar, Fr. Marijan, and the OCY

team for a pilgrimage of a life time in Rome, Italy, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Interest Form: <https://bit.ly/YA25Jubilee>



### **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to



the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the **first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year"**. The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen **St. Gregory's to serve as a pilgrimage church** in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year **2025**. **In honor of St. Gregory's being chosen** Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee will be announced in our weekly bulletins.

**There will be a second collection next week for the Building Fund.**

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